



# AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVERS INITIATIVE BIANNUAL MEETING

## Preserving Economic, Ecological And Historical Assets Of River Communities on The Rio Grande

EL PASO, TEXAS

November 3-4, 2003

The El Paso Convention &amp; Performing Arts Center

Rio Grande/Rio Bravo  
Basin Coalition

8:00 – 8:30AM

Registration – On-site

**Day One – Monday, November 3**

8:30 – 10:30 AM

Introduction and Welcome

- Mayor for the City of El Paso, Mr. Joe Wardy – Invited
- Congressman Silvestre Reyes – Invited
- Commissioner Kathleen White – TCEQ – Invited
- IBWC Acting Commissioner, Debra Little - Invited
- CILA Commissioner, Ing. Arturo Herrera

10:30

Break

10:45 – 11:45 AM

***Break-Out Session (One)*****International***Managing a Trans-boundary Watershed*

Paso Del Norte Watershed Council

Speaker: Valerie Provencio

*Restoring an Ecosystem at the Headwaters*

San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council

Speaker: Kate Booth Doyle

**Heritage***Birding Corridor*

Speaker: Kelly Bryant

*Wetlands Development and Successes*

Speakers: Bernie Sargent, John Sproul, Kevin Bixby

12:00 – 1:30

Lunch

Keynote Speakers:

Richard Green – Regional Administrator US EPA, Region 6 - Invited

John Nau – Commissioner for Historical Preservation Texas

"The Connection between Preserve America and the American Heritage River Initiative"

**\*Ticket Required**

1:45- 5:00 PM

**Off-Site Tours**

Rio Bosque Wetlands Park

Keystone Heritage Park

1:45- 3:00 PM

***Break Out Session (Two)*****International***River Park Development & Successes*

Speakers: Rosemary Staley, Pablo Romero

Robert Ardivino, Larry Dovalina

*Border 2012 – Status on Workgroup  
and Taskforces*

Speakers: Miguel Flores, EPA

Mexican Counterparts

**Heritage**

RC &amp; D Chihuahua Desert

Speaker: District Mgr. Mr. Bill Hellen

*The Lower Rio Grande*

Rio Grande Rio Bravo Basin Coalition

Speaker: Panel

3:00 PM

Break

3:15 – 4:15 PM

***Break-Out Session (Three)*****International***Promoting a Tri-state, Binational Perspective on  
Water Issues*

Paso Del Norte Water Task Force

Speaker: Dr. Karl Wood

BECC: Managing Director, Fernando Macias

NADBank: Deputy Managing Director, José Garcés

**Heritage***Mountain/Pecos Trail*

Speakers: Mario L. Sanchez RA, Janie Hendrick

*The Lower Rio Grande Valley*

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Speakers: Panel

4:15 – 5:00 PM

General Session: Introduction of Rio Grande Strategic Planning Session  
Direction of AHRI on the Rio Grande with Community Partners



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8:00 – 8:45 AM

General Session - 10 minute film on the Rio Grande

By : Ty Fain

James Connaughton, Chair of the White House Commission of Environmental Quality

8:45 – 8:55 AM

Break

8:55 – 10:30 AM

General Session: *Restoration Vision for the Rio Grande*

By the Alliance for the Rio Grande Heritage

Discussion on the AHRI extension into New Mexico

10:45 – 11:45 AM

### *Break Out Session (Four)*

#### International

*The Forgotten River Stretch*

Forgotten River Advisory Committee

Speaker: Mary Kelly

Chamizal National Memorial

Speaker: Jerry Flood

#### Heritage

*Chihuahuan Desert Program*

World Wildlife Fund

Speaker: Jennifer Atchley-Montoya

Big Bend National Park

*Status of River Input*

Speaker: Vidal Davila

9:00 - 12:00 AM

### Off-Site Tours

Mission Trail Tour

Border Patrol Tour

12:00 – 1:30

Lunch

Keynote Speaker:

*Partnerships for Sustainable Development\**

Keystone Center

Cathy McCague

\*Ticket Required

Adjourn